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SUBJECT: ROLLS ROYCE RB211 JET ENGINES FOR THE USSR

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1. IN VIEW OF RECENT EXCHANGES (REPORTED REF A) WITH
BRITISH RE US POSITION ON SALE OF HIGH BYPASS RATIO
TURBOFAN ENGINES (SUCH AS RB-211 AND GE CF6) TO USSR, WE
WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE UNHAPPY IF SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
ROLLS AND THE USSR WERE CONTINUING. MENTION OF USSR
INTEREST DURING UK-USSR DISCUSSIONS (REF B) DOES NOT
NECESSARILY INDICATE THAT UK IS STILL ACTIVELY PURSUING
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THIS TRANSACTION; NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
ANY INDICATION THAT THEY ARE. DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED
COMMENTS OF BRITISH EMBASSY IN THIS RESPECT (LARGELY BECAUSE
PRIOR CONVERSATIONS ON RB211 WERE HANDLED IN THIS CHANNEL)
AND LONDON MAY WISH TO HOLD OFF ANY FORMAL INQUIRIES UNTIL
BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO RESPOND OUR QUERY.

2. OBVIOUSLY, IF ROLLS WERE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GOING
AHEAD WITH THE TRANSACTION, WE WOULD BE PLACED IN AN
EXTREMELY AWKWARD POSITION VIS-A-VIS GENERAL ELECTRIC. VANCE

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